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SUBJ: MEETING OF AID ADMINISTRATOR PARKER WITH ROBERT  
TOULEMON, DIRECTEUR DU CABINET, FRENCH MINISTRY OF  
COOPERATION, OCTOBER 24.

1. TOULEMON, ACCOMPANIED BY JEAN AUDIBERT, DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS,  
MET WITH A/AID PARKER, SPECIAL ASSISTANT JONNES, DAA/AFR  
BROWN AND EMBECON MINISTER. HE AGAIN EMPHASIZED FRANCE'S NOW  
COMPLETELY FORTHCOMING ATTITUDE TOWARD COOPERATION WITH U.S./  
OTHERS ON AID TO AFRICA.

2. M. TOULEMON INQUIRED ABOUT US CONTRIBUTION TO MSAS.

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PARKER EXPLAINED OUR DIFFICULTIES IN DETERMINING AMOUNTS,

SINCE FA ACT STILL PENDING IN CONGRESS AND OUR UNCERTAINTY AS TO TOTAL LEVEL PL 480 GIVEN PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS AND DOMESTIC PRICE EFFECTS. TOULEMON STRESSED THAT FOOD SUPPLY/PRICE WAS EQUALLY TOUCHY PROBLEM FOR FRANCE/EEC.

3. TOULEMON HAD JUST RETURNED TO PARIS FROM SENEGAL WHERE HE HEADED "COMITE DE DIALOGUE" BETWEEN FRANCE AND GOS. HE SAID HE WAS MOST IMPRESSED BY QUALITY OF PREPARATION BY SENEGALESE, PARTICULARLY BY PRIME MINISTER ABDOU DIOUF. HE DID NOT DISCUSS SUBSTANTIVE CONCLUSIONS OF DIALOGUE, BUT MADE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT OBSERVATIONS:

A. PRESIDENT SENGHOR WAS DISAPPOINTED IN USG ATTITUDE TOWARD EEC/ACP AID/TRADE ARRANGEMENTS. SENGHOR IS STRONG PARTISAN OF REVERSE PREFERENCE SCHEME AND CRITICIZED FRANCE/EEC FOR ACCEDING ON THIS QUESTION. TOULEMON EXPRESSED HOPE THAT NOW THAT FRANCE HAD ACTED TO REMOVE REVERSE PREFERENCE ISSUE, USG WOULD SHOW ITSELF TO BE MORE SYMPATHETIC TO DEVELOPMENT OF EEC/AP RELATIONSHIP.

B. ACCORDING TO TOULEMON, SENEGALESE FEEL US EXERTS PRESSURE ON EUROPEAN COMMUNITY TO SPREAD AID OUT AMONG THIRD WORLD, IN ESSENCE UNDERMINING SPECIAL POLITICAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH REGARD TO AID, SUCH AS EC/FRENCH RELATION TO WEST AFRICA STATES.

C. SENEGAL WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE GREATER SENSITIVITY BY US TO DEVELOPMENT OF BROADER AFRICAN REGINAL ECONOMIC GROUPING, WITHOUT FORCING INITIAL ACCEPTANCE OF NIGERIA IN GROUPING, AS STEP TOWARD EVENTUAL FULLER REGIONAL COORDINATION. TOULEMON EXPRESSED CONCERN FELT BY SENGHOR AND HOUPHOUET BOIGNY ABOUT DEALING WITH UNEQUAL GIANT, ADDING THAT THESE LEADERS RECOGNIZED GROWING NEED TO COOPERATE, NOT MERELY BE DEFENSIVE TOWARD NIGERIA, BUT THAT BETTER ECONOMIC ORDER AMONGST THEMSELVES WAS ESSENTIAL STEP.

4. TOULEMON NOTED IMPATIENCE OF SENEGALESE TO GET OMVS BASIN DEVELOPMENT SCHEME STARTED. HE CALLED ATTENTION PARTICULARLY TO RURAL INFLUX TO DAKAR CAUSED BY DROUGHT IN NORTH WITH INCREASING URBAN SLUM POPULATION CAUSING POTENTIALLY SERIOUS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SOCIAL PROBLEMS IF NOT CHECKED. HE BELIEVES NOW INEVITABLE THAT OMVS SCHEME WILL BE UNDERTAKEN AND URGED EARLY REALIZATION FOR POLITICAL AS WELL AS DEVELOPMENTAL REASONS.

5. PARKER INDICATED THAT HE HAD SENT LETTER TO MAURICE WILLIAMS, DAC CHAIRMAN, URGING HIS HELP IN BRINGING DONORS TOGETHER TO DISCUSS CONSULTATIVE FRAMEWORK FOR SUPPORT OF SAHEL LONGER TERM DEVELOPMENT. TOULEMON SAID THAT MINCOOPERATION

LETTER TO WILLIAMS WOULD BE FORTHCOMING SHORTLY. PARKER EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR TALKS OF FULLEST POSSIBLE FRANKNESS, ADDING THAT AID IS NOW SEEKING TO DETERMINE HOW IT CAN FIND FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR LONGER TERM SAHEL DEVELOPMENT AS COMPLEMENT TO CONSULTING ARRANGEMENT. WHILE WE WILL SEEK TO KEEP MINISTRY OF COOPERATION AS CLOSELY INFORMED AS POSSIBLE ON OUR IDEAS AND WILL WISH TO WORK DETAILS OUT WITH THEM, THEY SHOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF SOME PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT ON GENERAL APPROACH SHOULD BE MADE AT ANYTIME.

6. TOULEMON THEN RAISED QUESTION OF SUBSTANTIVE BILATERAL MINCOOPERATION DISCUSSIONS WITH AID ON WHOLE RANGE OF AFRICA AID ISSUES. SUBJECT HAD BEEN RAISED BETWEEN AA/AFR ADAMS AND MINCOOPERATION ABELIN DURING SEPTEMBER 9 MEETINGS. IT WAS AGREED SUCH MEETINGS SHOULD OCCUR EARLY IN CY 75 IN COMPLEMENT TO THE FORTHCOMING DONOR DISCUSSIONS ON THE SAHEL.

7. A NOTE OF URGENCY WAS INTRODUCED BY TOULEMON WITH REGARD TO GRASSHOPPER INFESTATION IN SENEGAL AND NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES. PARKER AND BROWN ASSURED HIM THAT A MODEST START HAS BEEN MADE AND THAT WE ARE OPEN TO PROVIDE COMPLEMENTARY SUPPORT PROMPTLY AS SOON AS PROPER INDICES ARE BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION. SUBJECT WILL BE REPORTED SEPARATELY.  
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